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A Matter Of Justice

Van Buren county politics have warmed up considerably during the past two weeks, and will in all probability continue at a fever heat until the primaries on August 29. The chief contest in the campaign, so far as the republican county ticket is concerned centers about the office of Probate Judge. William Killefer the present incumbent who is completing his first term in that office, is being opposed by Prosecuting Attorney Earl L. Burhans, now serving a second term. The principal issue in this campaign seems to be the fact that Judge Killefer was elected on the Progressive ticket four years ago. The True Northerner has no personal interest in this campaign, neither do we desire to "throw any stones" in the path of any candidate for any office. We do not believe however, in the interest of good politics and efficiency in public office, that the issue in this campaign is well taken. During the past four years, the republican party together with the leaders of the Progressive party have been making every effort to get together as republicans for the national campaign that is now before us. Even Theodore Roosevelt who alone is responsible for the existence four years ago of the Progressive party, refused a nomination this year on a third ticket and will give his support to the success and election of the republican ticket. As the matter now stands there is no third party, and a great majority of those who went astray four years ago are now with the republican party. If Judge Killefer was now asking a nomination for a first term on the republican ticket the situation would be vastly different. But he has served one term in that office to the satisfaction of everybody. Even those who are now opposing him, must concede that he has made one of the best Probate Judges Van Buren county ever had. His years of experience in Justice Court, his wide knowledge of affairs, and his universal courtesy and excellent judgment make him an ideal official in that capacity. He has given his undivided attention to the affairs of the office and we have yet to hear a single criticism on his administration.

He has been in the office early and late. During business hours he has been on the job. No private business has divided his time or claimed a portion of his energies. He has been a real Probate Judge and rendered to the county such service as they are entitled, and such service as they should demand from every official.

As already stated, The True Northerner has no personal interest in this or any other campaign. In the interest however of efficiency in office and as a matter of justice and right, it is our opinion that Judge Killefer should be accorded the same courtesy and favor that has been given every Probate Judge in the last fifty years and be nominated and elected for a second term.

We Need Him This Year

It has been quite generally predicted that Hon. E. L. Hamilton would have no opposition to a re-nomination for congress this year. However he is to have opposition. John C. Ketcham of Hastings has announced his candidacy and will try titles with Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Ketcham is a likable gentleman and as Master of the state Grange quite widely known.



HON. E. L. HAMILTON

This is a year however, when the republicans of not only Michigan but throughout the entire United States will put forth every effort to achieve the success which they believe will be theirs at the polls next November. A splendid National ticket has already been nominated, and republicans throughout the state and in every congressional district and county will work hard to nominate whom they believe to be the strongest men for the various places on the ticket. There is no question but that a man of years of experience in congress will add more strength to the ticket than any new man who might aspire to the place. Mr. Hamilton's experience, his recognized ability as a public speaker, his influence and ability on the floors of congress and his standing in the nation, make him this year of all years a most desirable addition to the republican ticket. We believe this view will be shared quite generally by republicans throughout the Fourth Congressional district.

Gerritt J. Diekema For Governor

The gubernatorial situation in Michigan this year from a republican standpoint is a little unusual. There are several candidates in the race from various parts of the state, all claiming at this time a "walk-a-way" at the primaries. From all indications this will be a republican year all along the line, and for that reason, every republican in the state should consider the situation carefully and be prepared to support the best qualified, in other words the really "Biggest" man in Michigan for this important position at the primaries on August 29.



HON. GERRITT J. DIEKEMA

The field is made up of excellent gentlemen and successful business men in their various lines of activity. A careful review of the situation however, cannot help but reveal the fact that of all the men in the state who are seeking this honor, Gerritt J. Diekema of Holland, in years of experience, mental ability and standing in the state is best equipped to head the republican state ticket. He is a man of recognized ability not only at home but in other states as well. He would be a real Governor, indebted to no clique or faction, and "Big" enough to represent his state with honor to himself and his constituents. The real danger in the primary is that the vote will be so split among the various candidates that the weakest man in the race may receive the nomination. For that reason the republicans should review the situation carefully, and

support the strongest man. An unprejudiced consideration of the field, we believe, must pick Gerritt J. Diekema as the best qualified man from every standpoint for the place.

No Aspirations Or Inspirations

In the passing of Nathan F. Simpson as Warden of the Jackson State Prison on the appointment of his successor, Michigan will lose the services of one of the strongest and most capable officials that has ever held a public trust in this state. His revolution of the affairs of this penal institution have marked him as one of the foremost organizers and most capable executives in the country today. His services in the Jackson institution were appreciated and recognized by Governor Ferris and the Board of Control at the prison, who recommended a substantial increase in salary, believing that he should receive an amount somewhere in keeping and commensurate with his worth to the state. Auditor General Fuller however, blocked the recommendation and the warden did not get the raise. This probably has had nothing to do with the Warden's resignation but the action of the Auditor General in the matter was to say the least, mighty poor business policy and in the years to come will be considered a blot on his administration.

Mr. Simpson has been mentioned by some of the state papers as a candidate for gubernatorial honors. His popularity and recognized ability would make him a formidable candidate, but he states in a communication to the writer, that he has no "aspirations or inspirations political" and that his friends in Van Buren county may act upon that statement. Whatever he may decide to do, or wherever he may go, Nathan F. Simpson will be strong and will have a warm spot in the hearts of the people of Michigan.

ERROR CORRECTED

Last week The True Northerner contained an item clipped from an exchange relative to the so-called "Ashbrook Bill" which was erroneous. The facts are as follows:-

This is a bill to increase the pension of widows who are seventy years of age from, \$12 to \$20 per month. The bill has passed the house of representatives and has been reported favorably by the senate committee. We are informed that the bill is on the calendar for final consideration of the senate before adjournment. So the bill is not yet a law, as the item of last week stated, and the amount if it becomes a law will be \$20 instead of \$50 as stated.

If You Please.

The True Northerner is now owned and published by F. N. Wakeman and A. N. Cole. The new firm dates from July 1, and it is the desire of the publishers to start the business from that date with a "clean slate". Many of our subscribers are in arrears on subscription. May we ask you to please look at the date opposite your name on the margin of your paper, and if you are in arrears kindly call at the office or mail us a check to cover the account. We desire very much to close up all subscription accounts to that date and start the first day's business of the new management with a "clean slate". Your prompt attention to this important matter will be appreciated. If you please! Thanking you in anticipation, we are,

Sincerely,

Wakeman & Cole.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Republican Voters of Van Buren County, I will be a candidate at the August Primary for the office of County Road Commissioner for the two year term, and if my service as Township Highway Commissioner has entitled me to this office I shall be pleased to receive your active support.

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Hayes Diabrow.

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J. C. Ketcham
Hastings, Mich.

Candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress, Fourth Congressional District. Forty-three years a resident of Barry County, which has never yet been honored with a Republican candidate for representative in congress.

To the Republicans of Van Buren County:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Prosecuting Attorney, subject to the Republican Primaries, August 29, 1916. If 25 years in the practice of law and an equal number of years working in the interest of the Republican party counts, then I ask for your support.

I am working for myself for this office and have not the time to devote to the interests of any other candidates.

C. M. Van Riper,
Hartford, Mich.

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A. E. SLEEPER of Bad Axe

Republican Candidate for
GOVERNOR
At the Primary, August 29th.

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4. He is for fewer laws and more law enforcement.
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6. He is for a dollar in service for every dollar of taxes.
7. He can unite the Republican party.

HON. G. J. DIEKEMA
HOLLAND, MICH.

CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR AUGUST PRIMARIES

Born in Holland, Mich., March 27, 1859.
Educated Public Schools of Holland.
Graduated from Hope College with Degree of A. B. in 1881.
Received degrees of A. M. and LL. D.
Graduated from law in Ann Arbor 1883.
Member of Law Firm of Diekema, Kollen & Ten Cate.
1884-1892—Elected Legislator.
Mayor, City Attorney and Member of School Board of his home town.
1896—Delegate to National Republican Convention.
1900-1910—Chairman of Republican State Central Committee.
1901-1907—Member of Spanish Treaty Claims.
1907—Elected Congressman from Fifth District, served two terms.

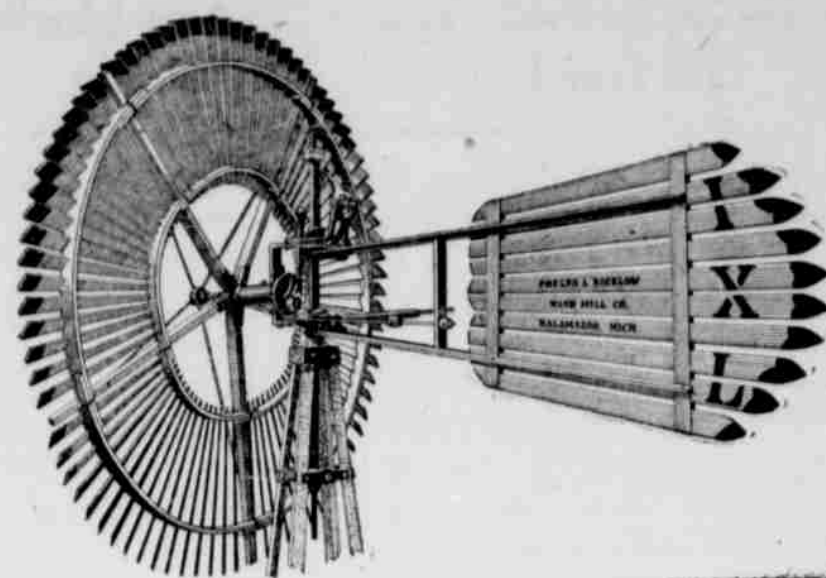
DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT

Dave on the Anxious Seat

Dave Kessler holds the belt thus far in the race for the seat at "The Yellow Front". His 5 lb. 6 oz. beauty tops the list, but there are still larger bass in the lake and Dave will be a little uneasy until August 1 when the prize will be awarded.

Neil Prater, who has been in the employ of the Dodge Motor Co. of Detroit for some time has returned to Paw Paw and is again with the Wolverine Nurseries.

A Windmill Bargain



Our Fully Guaranteed White Swan Mill at a Greatly Reduced Price Until September 1st.

July and August are the quiet months in the year in the Windmill business. We are obliged to keep our factory running to full capacity during the dull months in order that we may preserve our working organization, therefore rather than to accumulate stock, we are offering

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